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City In Line For Barge Service

And Operation of Government Owned Barges From Baltimore to New Bern to Start in Fortnight

(Thursday's News & Observer)

Washington, Sept. 22—With the aid of Senator Simmons and Secretary Daniels, Mr. H. E. Barlow, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, backed by the city of New Bern and other towns, put through a deal here today with the War Department that means new millions in commerce to all Eastern North Carolina.

Through Colonel Ashburn of the Inland coastwise Waterway Service the contract was signed and the barge service by the government joining New Bern, Beaufort, Morehead City, Elizabeth City, Plymouth and other towns along the inland water route between Baltimore and New Bern.

Retain Preferential Rates The New Bern Chamber of Commerce was compelled by the Cummins-Esch railroad law to ask the government to put into operation this barge service to preserve the preferential freight rates New Bern and other places along the water route must have to live and prosper.

It is understood that the government will operate the nine barges on the route until a private corporation has been organized to take over and operate the service. Such a corporation is now being organized and as it is the government will sell the barges just as soon as the service has been definitely established.

Three of the nine barges will be self-propelled, of being the first two of these have already been completed in the government ship yard and the other will be completed shortly. The tonnage of these barges will be each 350 tons. Each of these three barges will tow two steel barges of 400 tons each. The trip from Baltimore to New Bern will consume 48 to 60 hours. The distance is 285 miles. The service will be conducted just as the government is now operating a barge service on the lower Mississippi and on the inland coastwise waterways of New York and New England.

Small's Dream Comes True The service, Mr. Barlow said, will soon increase the commerce at New Bern and other towns in the territory so that the government will be compelled to deepen the route for steamers drawing seven and twenty feet of water. The terminals at Baltimore, Norfolk and New Bern have been completed and through Mr. F. C. Morris, the agent of the Inland Coastwise Waterway Service, the tariff schedules are being worked out.

Mr. Barlow says the benefits of barge freight service will be felt as far west as Raleigh and that Wilson, Goldsboro, and Kinston will be greatly benefited. Norfolk can no longer grow and prosper at the expense of Northeastern North Carolina one of the naturally richest agricultural regions of the United States.

With government dredges digging and churning the waters of the Neuse and the Sound, Young Barlow sees New Bern outstrip Wilmington

TASHJIAN GUILTY SIMPLE ASSAULT

Culpable Only In Pointing Weapon at Paulos and Shooting Was Accidental Was Jury's Verdict

That the shooting of Harry G. Paulos by John Tashjian on the night of July 30 was accidental was the verdict of the jury which, after having been out on the case since Thursday afternoon about four o'clock, on Friday morning returned a verdict of simple assault on the ground that Tashjian was culpable only in pointing the weapon at Paulos. The jurors were permitted to spend the night at their respective homes.

The sentence of the court was that Tashjian pay a fine of \$50 and pay the prosecuting witness the sum of \$175 to reimburse him for doctor's fees and for the expense of extracting the bullet which is still lodged in Paulos' leg. There was no eye witness of the shooting, and the jury had to decide between the versions of the affair given by Paulos and Tashjian. The only other person in the restaurant at the time of the shooting was Billy Hinton, and he testified that the shooting occurred behind him and before he looked round from his seat.

Paulos claimed that he called down Tashjian for profanity in his restaurant when there were ladies at the tables, that Tashjian was angry, went out and got his gun and returned and shot him. The first bullet struck Paulos in the back of the hip and he says that he whirled on Tashjian and catching his hand forced it downward, or he believes he would have been killed.

Tashjian says that he went into the restaurant to give Paulos a drink and some other valuable to keep him while he was away on his vacation, that on going in he called Harry to give him the gun and was told to keep quiet, that he went out with Claude Zeigler to his room and returning a few minutes later found no one in the restaurant but Paulos and Hinton. As Paulos passed him going toward the kitchen with his arms full of dishes, Tashjian says the gun unaccountably went off. He claims that Paulos continued on to the back of the restaurant, put the dishes up and returned before he discovered he was shot.

ITALIAN WORKERS SEEM DIVIDED

Extremists Heading Soviet Agitation Apparently Without Support of the Population Who Destroy Posters

Rome, Sept. 24.—Italian workers appear to be divided about agreement of employers and workmen in the metal trade.

Turin is the scene of disorder and dispatches place the casualties at seven dead with the situation under control. Extremists headed the agitation, which was apparently without the support of the population, with "Viva Lenin" and "Death to the King" on placards on the street cars. The population dragged the carmen from the cars and destroyed the posters.

and become ultimately a rival of Norfolk itself. All that is needed is cutting away of the mud in the bottom of these rivers and bays and the barge service will bring the dredges to do this cutting.

RED CROSS CUTS BUDGET

Program For Relief Work This Year 21 Million Less Than For Last Year

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—The American Red Cross has appropriated \$48,200,000 for its program of relief and service for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1921, according to official announcement from national headquarters.

This is \$21,000,000 less than the similar appropriation of the Red Cross for the fiscal year recently ended. Of last year's appropriation \$838,386.40 was spent in the southern division, the states of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, although the total receipts to the Red Cross from the division were but \$566,117.

The proportionately large amount spent in the south is due to the number of camps, military posts, and United States public health hospitals located in this section, as well as the great expansion of its nursing and social service program which the Red Cross undertook in the south.

In the light of nearly a million spent in the south last year, all of which was exclusive of expenditures by the individual chapters, it is believed a proportionately large amount of the 1920-21 appropriation of the Red Cross will also be spent in the south.

Important among the items of the budget for the coming year, announced national headquarters, is \$31,500,000 for relief to foreign lands, which includes which includes \$11,000,000 in purchased supplies on hand, but not yet distributed.

This will enable the Red Cross to continue its humanitarian program of aiding stricken peoples to re-establish themselves, fighting the disease epidemics that threaten many countries, eradicating largely the remaining traces of blight left by the world war. Central Europe faces another winter of famine, pestilence, typhus, plagues and other horrors. The Red Cross will continue to fight them not only for Europe's sake, but to keep such maladies from American shores.

Appropriations for domestic activities of the Red Cross in 1920-21 total \$16,700,000, of which the largest item is \$7,800,000 for civilian relief work such as assistance for families of soldiers, sailors and marines. Of the total for civilian relief, \$5,000,000 is held in reserve for actual disaster relief in case of such flood as occurred at West Point, Ga., last year, and for other emergencies.

The Red Cross' management for 1921 is expected to be only 7.5 cents per each dollar paid, and it will cost 10 cents.

GEORGE LEGUES FRENCH PREMIER

Was Minister of Marine In Clemenceau's Cabinet—Will Also Act as Foreign Minister

Paris, Sept. 24 (By Associated Press).—George Legues, minister of marine in Clemenceau's cabinet, has accepted the call to the premiership under President Millerand's administration. He will act as foreign minister.

The new premier is the father-in-law of Paul Rockwell, North Carolinian, who served with the Foreign Legion during the war.

HAYS WON'T TALK

New York, Sept. 24.—Will Hays declined today to comment on charges by Governor Cox that the Republicans were sending scouts ahead of the Democratic nominee and attempting to influence the press against him.

FRIENDSHIP WESLEY CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS, PLANS WORK

The Friendship Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, held a called meeting Tuesday evening at the home of the teacher, Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep, on Main street. Officers were elected for the coming year and plans for winter work were discussed. The regular monthly meeting will be held at the home of the president, Miss Katherine Hinton, on Tuesday evening, October 5th. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. J. S. Rodgers, who was hurt some time ago by a bicycle, is improving.

TURN OFF GAS AFTER SUPPER

Consumers Asked to Carefully Observe Request—Company Hopes to Complete Repairs During Night

The Gas Company makes the following important announcement to all persons using gas:

"Due to our generating machines being burned out, we are compelled to close down for repairs.

"We have been trying for several days to make repairs without closing down but find that this is impossible.

"We hope that our present supply of gas will last through the supper hour.

"We will make every effort to have gas on by eight o'clock Saturday morning.

"All consumers are asked to turn off all burners to appliances immediately after supper."

OFFER ARMISTICE TO THE POLES

Soviet Peace Delegation Offers Terms, But Joffe Says Must Be Accepted In Ten Days

Riga, Sept. 24 (By The Associated Press).—Adolph Joffe, head of the Soviet peace delegation, proposed an armistice with the Poles, today, which he said must be accepted within ten days or the Russian winter campaign would be inaugurated.

Harbinger Plays Cubs Here Saturday

The Harbinger baseball team and the Elizabeth City Cubs will mix up here Saturday at 3:15 on the Main street diamond.

It is Harbinger that has the widely-boosted 16 year old pitcher, Sommers, who has yet to meet his 1920 defeat. The Cubs are hard fighters and are determined to break Sommers' winning streak.

This will probably be the last baseball game of the season and the two are invited to be there.

Tide Immigration Continues to Swell

Washington, Sept. 24.—The tide of immigration through the Panama Canal continues to swell, the Bureau of Immigration reports, showing a total for this week ending September 18 of almost 22,000.

To Penitentiary Because Liked Jail

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—William Smith, 36 years old, was today sentenced to a year in the penitentiary after his confession to passing bad money in order to get to jail where he said he was well treated.

COX IN COLORADO

Trinidad, Col., Sept. 24.—Cox's Colorado campaign began today with speech at Pueblo at noon and Denver tonight.

He will be the State Fair guest at Pueblo besides speaking in the auditorium.

MAYOR McSWINEY IN EXHAUSTED CONDITION

London, Sept. 24.—Mayor McSwiney is described in a bulletin issued today by the Irish Self-Determination League as in a very exhausted condition.

SAYS JAPS HAVE CHANGED PLAN

Will Not Ask United States to Appoint Commission to Settle American - Japanese Problems

Honolulu, Sept. 24.—Tokio advices to a Japanese newspaper here say that the plan to ask the United States to appoint members of a commission to effect a settlement of the Japanese American problems has been abandoned and that Japan will instruct the ambassador to protest vigorously if California passes Japanese land laws.

British Miners Will Not Strike

Post Notices That Strike Is Postponed After Meeting With Lloyd George

London, Sept. 24.—Coal miners of Great Britain will not strike Monday as threatened.

Notices that the coal strike is postponed for a week were posted after the meeting between Lloyd George and union representatives.

WILL BUILD SHRINE CLUB

Local Shriners Subscribed Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars as Starter at Thursday Night's Meeting

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club held its first fall meeting Thursday night in the Masonic Hall.

One of the most important questions that came before the meeting was the idea of building a Shrine club for this city, a question which met with the approval of all Shriners present at the meeting.

The amount of \$2,700 was raised among those present and it is now almost an assured thing that there will be a Shriners' Club here within the next twelve months.

The annual Shrine banquet and dance will be held on the evening of Friday, October 29th. Music will be furnished by an orchestra from Washington, D. C., and an effort will be made to secure a vaudeville act from Keith's Theatre in Norfolk.

PITCHER BENTON NAMES GAMBLERS

Publishes Statement About Fixing of 1919 World Series—Says White Sox Got Good Pay

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Pitcher Benton, of the New York Nationals, in a statement published today named George Williams, Gandil and Felsch of the Chicago Americans as the men referred to by an alleged member of the gambling ring in a disclosure of the alleged fixing of the 1919 world series.

He said the gambler told him that \$100,000 was paid to White Sox players to throw the series.

EUROPE WANTS U. S. COTTON

Europe's Cotton Manufacturing Industry Approaching Pre-war Output—Strong Bidders For 1920 Crop

Maplewood, N. H., Sept. 24.—Oscar E. Davis, secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council, today told the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers that the cotton manufacturing industry in Europe is rapidly approaching the pre-war output and America will soon be faced by fierce competition in the cotton buying markets.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFABS WITH HARDING TODAY

Marion, Sept. 24.—This is West Virginia Day on Harding's front porch and delegations from Wheeling, Huntington and Parkersburg are bringing their pledges to support the Republican nominee.

FARMER LABOR PARTY TO NAME CANDIDATES

Richmond, Va., Sept. 24.—The Farmer-Labor party will name a candidate tomorrow to oppose Representative Montague, George L. Wilson, state secretary of the party announced today.

SPECIAL MEETING SCOUTS

There will be a special meeting of Troop No. Three, Boy Scouts, at Y. M. C. A. headquarters tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Matters concerning the future of this troop will be brought up. Registration as Troop No. Three, Troop No. Five has been disbanded and is now a part of Troop No. Three. All scouts are requested to be present, as this meeting is an important one.

CITY MERCHANTS UP ON MARKET

Have Bought Conservatively And Believe They Can Give Customers Better Values Than Mail Order Houses

"Why don't you give your home town merchant a news item on price reductions as well as a mail order house?" good naturedly inquired O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's, this morning.

"Mitchell's leads as usual," continued Mr. Gilbert. "We had our advertisement of price reductions of thirty per cent and more in many lines in type when your story of the mail order houses' action in price cutting came in over the wires."

"The only trouble," he went on, "is that you gave the mail order house, a big news story on your front page and said nothing about what we had done at Mitchell's."

"Well, we'll try to remedy that trouble forthwith," laughingly responded The Advance man. How'll it do to say "Henry Ford, Sears Roebuck and the rest haven't anything on Mitchell's?"

"That's the idea exactly," said Mr. Gilbert, "only you want to remind the folks not to glance at the headlines of yesterday's news item from Chicago and run off with the idea that these mail order houses have reduced prices on their entire stock by thirty per cent. In some lines the reductions have been only ten per cent. In some other lines there are no reductions at all."

M. Leigh Sheep of the Woman's Wear Store, also had to take a crack at The Advance man for the "free front page advertising given to a Chicago mail order house that is a competitor of the home town merchant, but who never advertises in the home town paper." Mr. Sheep alluded, as did Mr. Gilbert, to the false conclusions the reader might arrive at from a hasty reading of the news item and then went on to say:

"There is another thing for the buying public in Elizabeth City to consider, and which is going to cause some people to find reductions not so marked as they have expected. That thing is this. Retail prices in Elizabeth City have never reached the peak. For the past season, for instance the M. Leigh Sheep Company have sold hose at 75 cents that were retailed all over the country for a dollar a pair and we have sold hose at 50 cents a pair when they were selling elsewhere at \$1.00 a dozen. We cut roughly, of course, before they went to that figure. They have disappointed me, of course, but not to a figure that will justify selling them for six fifty cents. The price we have charged all along."

"If Elizabeth City merchants," continued Mr. Sheep, "had advanced their retail prices last season to level corresponding with the wholesale prices, we would now be able to make reductions as large or larger than those advertised by the mail order houses. But we gave our customer the benefit of our early buying and hope that they will remember this when they come to price goods for this season. Some folks from what they have seen in the newspapers have jumped to the conclusion that prices this year will be around the 1914 level, which is out of the question until labor, freight and express return to their 1914 levels. Few people believe that such a time is ever coming."

Elizabeth City merchants are sure that their prices are as low as they can be made consistent with good business principles and the present cost of replacement and that they can give Elizabeth City people as good or better values for their money as are to be had anywhere.

ALLEGED FRAUDS OVER 20 MILLIONS

O'Brien and Company, Low Brothers And Samuel S. Campbell & Company Included In Indictment

New York, Sept. 24.—O'Brien and Company, Low Brothers and Samuel S. Campbell and Company are included in the supplementary indictment unsealed in federal court here today alleging mail frauds exceeding \$20,000,000 in connection with the sale of stock in the Tix-pam Star Oil Corporation supposed to have its wells at Tampico.